1	2	3
8.	Damoh	336
9.	Datia	496
10.	Dewas	1057
11.	Dhar	886
12.	Durg	6158
13.	Guna	470
14.	Gwalior	2753
15.	Hoshangabad	2150
16.	Indore	3037
17.	Janalpur	4198
18.	Jagdapur	1462
19.	Jhabua	345
20.	Khandwa	1960
21.	Khargone	866
22.	Mandla	201
23.	Mandsaur	1098
24.	Morena	580
25.	Narsinghpur	759
26.	Panna	227
27.	Raigarh	672
28.	Raipur	3121
29.	Raisen	496
30.	Rajgarh	417
31.	Rajnandgaon	1076
32.	Ratlam	1854
33.	Rewa	774
34.	Sagar	940
35.	Sarguja	1213
36.	Satna	1754
37.	Sehore	366
38.	Seoni	185
39.	Shahdol	1216
40.	Shajapur	278
41.	Shivpuri	621
42.	Sidhi	483
43.	Tikamgarh	270
44.	Ujjain	2290
45.	Vidisha	526

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Basic Telephone Services

2945. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the performance of the basic telephone services across the country has been deteriorating day by day;

(b) if so, whether the Government have reviewed the performances of basic telephone services;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to set right the basic telephone services throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. The performance of the basic telephone services has not been deteriorating.

(b) and (c) The operational performance of the telephone services is being reviewed periodically at the top management levels. There has been an improvement in performance during the last few months.

(d) To improve the basic services in the country, the following steps have been taken :

Replacement of all old and life expired electromechanical exchanges by State-of-the-Art digital electronic exchanges.

Replacement of fault prone underground cables by jelly filled cables.

Upgradation of the outdoor plant network by laying of cables inducts.

Introduction of modern tools and testing aids.

Training of operational staff in modern technology systems being inducted in the DOT network.

Customer service centres have been opened in large number of places.